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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ASSTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) TO OTTAWA

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1. EXTAFB REPORTS FOLLOWING OFFICIALS FROM
DEPARTMENT NATIONAL DEFENSE, IN ADDITION TO
ASSISTNAT DEPUTY MINISTER DAVID KIRKWOOD, WILL
TAKE PART IN MEETING DISCUSSED REFTEL:

LT. GEN. WILLIAM CARR, DEPUTY CHIEF OF
DEFENSE STAFF;

MAJ. GEN. JACQUES CHOUINARD, ASSOCIATE
ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER (POLICY);

JOHN ANDREWS, CHIEF OF POLICY PLANNING;

MAJ. GEN. D.B. BIGGS, COMMANDER CANADAIN
DEFENSE LIAISON STAFF, WASHINGTON.

2. EXTAFB DIRECTOR DEFENSE RELATIONS MARSHALL HAS ADVISED
EMBASSY OF TWO SUB-TOPICS ON WHICH THEY WOULD APPRECIATE
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HEARING SECREATRY ELLSWORTH'S COMMENTS. UNDER THE

GENERAL HEADING OF NATO WITH PARTIUCULAR REFERENCE TO FORWARD DEGENSE PLANNING, THE WOULD HOPE THAT SECRETARY ELLSWORTH WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF DETENTE AS IT AFFECTS DEFENSE PLANNING. UNDER THE GENERAL TOPIC OF NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE, THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE IMPLICATIONS OF SALT II AND THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT FOR NORTH AMERICAN DEFENSE ESPECIALLY AIR DEFENSE. IN THIS CONTEXT, MARSHALL REFERRED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMMENTS IN BRUSSELS LAST DECEMBER IN WHICH HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS WERE ALREADY OVER THEIR DELIVERY VEHICLE LIMITATION AND THAT, IF HE WERE THEY, HE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR REDUCTIONS OF THEIR 20-YEAR-OLD BOMBERS TO BRING THEM UNDER THE CEILING. IF THERE IS ANY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT STATE OF SALT ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT LEAD TO FURTHER REDUCTION IN THE SOVIET BOMBER FORCE, MARSHALL FELT THIS WOULD BE A MATTER BOTH THE US AND CANADA WOULD WANT TO COUNT ON.

3. MARSHALL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SUGGESTION OF THESE TOPICS WOULD NOT CAUSE ANYONE TO DRAFT BRIEFING PAPERS SINCE CANADIAN SIDE FEELS INFORMALITY IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF TALKS.
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